



Place: Bloomfield Town Hall  
800 Bloomfield Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

## Meeting Notes

Date: April 24, 2019

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Project #: 42466.00

Re: Stakeholder Meeting #1  
Bloomfield Complete Streets Master Plan

The first Stakeholder meeting took place on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Bloomfield Town Hall council chambers. Fifteen members of the public attended in addition to one member of the consultant team, one Town Councilor, the Town Engineer, and the Town's Environmental Planner. The meeting consisted of a brief presentation to recap the first Public Information Meeting conducted on March 20 during which the public identified 15 corridors for complete street improvements. The presentation was followed by a general discussion on the corridors and the Stakeholder group was given a Prioritization Matrix to fill out ranking these corridors.

Members of the Stakeholder group asked to extend or modify several of the corridors prior to ranking them. The following corridors sections were added:

- Bloomfield Avenue – Added section from West Hartford Town Line (T/L) to Cottage Grove Road
- Maple Avenue – Added Maple Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Cottage Grove Road
- Tunxis Avenue – Added Section from Town Center to Day Hill Road.

During the discussion the following comments were made by the Stakeholder Group:

- Roundabouts – There was a general discussion on the safety and traffic calming benefits of roundabouts. A Road Safety Audit was conducted in 2016 for the intersections of Bloomfield Avenue and Park Avenue and Wintonbury Avenue. One of the recommendations was to build a double roundabout at these two closely spaced intersections in the Town Center. It was also mentioned that roundabouts are not appropriate for all intersections due to their right-of-way needs and capacity limitations for traffic volume.
- Safe Routes to School – The Stakeholder group generally approved of the concept of providing safe walking and biking to students on routes to school. It was also mentioned that education is an important aspect of safety and that the school children should receive more outreach regarding safe walking and biking.
- Traffic signal timing – There were several comments regarding the signal timing of the traffic light at Blue Hills Avenue and Cottage Grove Road intersection. There are concerns that the pedestrian timing is insufficient to allow enough time for people to completely cross the intersection. Also, participants felt that the signal timing for vehicles could be optimized to reduce congestion.
- Safety – The corridor map includes crash clusters highlighting high-crash areas in Bloomfield. It was noted that the Blue Hills Avenue and Cottage Grove corridors are high-crash corridors and that there were three pedestrian fatalities near the intersection of these two roads. While most crash clusters appeared on arterial or collector roads, the Packard Street corridor stands out as the only local residential neighborhood street with high-crashes. It was commented that this is probably due to the high volume of vehicles using Packard Street to bypass the congested intersection of Cottage Grove and Blue Hills Avenue.

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- **Traffic Congestion** – It was noted that Bloomfield has approximately 21,300 jobs, and the majority (20,000) of workers commute into town everyday. Combined with additional thru traffic from neighboring towns commuting towards Hartford and I-91, this creates a significant amount of traffic congestion. Several participants commented that a lot of traffic cuts through secondary roadways to avoid congested intersections in town.

Each member of the Stakeholder group marked up maps and filled out the Prioritization Matrix with comments regarding each corridor's neighborhood character, existing modes and users, modes and users not currently accommodated, existing obstacles to mobility, and suggested improvements. Each member then ranked their top five corridors in priority from 1 to 5. The rankings were tabulated based on the following scoring:

- Priority 1 = 5 points
- Priority 2 = 4 points
- Priority 3 = 3 points
- Priority 4 = 2 points
- Priority 5 = 1 point

The scores were added up and the corridors received a preliminary ranking which will be reviewed by the Town. Please refer to the attached Prioritization Matrix for a summary of comments and results.

**Statement of Accuracy:**

- We believe these minutes accurately describe the discussion and determinations of this meeting. Unless notified to the contrary within 5 business days, we will assume all in attendance concur with the accuracy of these notes.